

# TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

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*University of Aberdeen, Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society, &c. &c.,*

CANDIDATE

FOR

THE CHAIR OF MIDWIFERY AND DISEASES OF WOMEN AND  
CHILDREN

IN

THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

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*January 1869.*



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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE H. A. BRUCE, &c. &c.  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

Belford Hospital, Fort-William,  
January 20th, 1869.

SIR,

I have the honour of offering myself as a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children in the University of Aberdeen, vacant by the lamented death of Professor DYCE of that city.

After studying at the Universities of Aberdeen and Edinburgh, and gaining considerable distinction, I graduated at the University of Aberdeen as Doctor of Medicine and Master in Surgery, with honours.

Since my graduation, I have had the most ample opportunities of acquiring a practical knowledge of my profession, and especially of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children, in various large Public Hospitals and Dispensaries in Aberdeen, Chester, and London, and I have at present the charge of the Belford Hospital, Fort-William. In particular, I may mention that while I was Resident Medical Officer of the Eastern Dispensary of London, several hundreds of obstetrical cases came under my care, and I was moreover consulted in many cases of difficulty and danger.

It has been my endeavour to keep abreast of the time in the various discoveries made in the healing art, both at home and on the Continent; and I have paid especial attention to the subject of obstetrics, both from deliberate choice and from necessity.

Having had considerable experience in the Tuition of Medical Students, I know their requirements, and the best methods of communicating information.

I beg most respectfully to direct your attention to the accompanying Testimonials in support of this application; and if I have the good fortune of being appointed to the Chair of Midwifery in the University of my native city, I will do all in my power to discharge its onerous duties, so as to promote the best interests of my *Alma Mater*, and the professional success of the Students who may come under my care.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient humble servant,

JOHN GRAY M'KENDRICK.

## TESTIMONIALS.

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1.—*From ALEXANDER R. SIMPSON, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, formerly Assistant to the Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.*

1 Blythswood Square,  
Glasgow, January 16, 1869.

It gives me much pleasure to bear testimony to the eminent qualifications possessed by Dr. J. G. M'Kendrick for filling the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. His abilities, which are naturally of a high order, were faithfully cultivated during a very complete University curriculum. He was one of the best students of his time in all the departments of Medicine, but devoted himself in a special degree to the pursuit of Midwifery, and the Diseases of Women and Children. In the Midwifery class of Edinburgh University he took a foremost place among a band of unusually able competitors. He has kept up his diligent habits of study, and developed his powers of observation in the Belford Hospital, which he has managed with great success for several years. He also keeps himself abreast of the advances in science that are being made in our Continental schools ; and his power of expressing his thoughts clearly and effectively, both in speech and writing, would render him a very able and acceptable Teacher.

ALEX<sup>R.</sup>. R. SIMPSON, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.,  
Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, formerly  
Assistant to the Professor of Midwifery in the  
University of Edinburgh.

2.—*From STEPHEN H. WARD, M.D. (Lond.), Physician to the Seaman's Hospital 'Dreadnought;' to Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park; late Physician to Eastern Dispensary, London.*

28 Finsbury Circus, January 1869.

I have much pleasure in testifying to the zealous and able manner in which Dr. M'Kendrick discharged the duties of Resident Medical Officer to the Eastern Dispensary. During his tenure of this office, I had ample opportunities of satisfying myself that he was well acquainted with all the branches of his Profession, and very skilful in the treatment of disease. In addition to the general Medical Practice of the Dispensary, which included numerous cases of Disease in Women and Children, he had the supervision and charge of a large number of Midwifery cases, which were attended in the District ; and he was frequently called upon to give his advice and assistance in cases of difficulty and danger.

STEPHEN H. WARD, M.D., Lond.,  
Physician to Seaman's Hospital 'Dreadnought;' to Hospital  
for Diseases of Chest, Victoria Park ; late Physician  
to Eastern Dispensary.

3.—*From JOHN LIDDLE, M.D., &c., Medical Officer of Health, and one of the Governors of the Eastern Dispensary.*

*Office of the Board of Works,  
15 Great Alie Street, 19th January 1869.*

My dear Sir—During the time you were Resident Medical Officer of the Eastern Dispensary, you had a great deal of practice in the Midwifery department of that Institution, and you were often applied to by others for assistance in cases of difficulty. You are therefore well qualified to practise that branch of medicine; and from your high general attainments, I am of opinion you are quite competent to occupy the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen.—I am, my dear Sir, very truly yours.

JOHN LIDDLE.

Dr. J. G. M'KENDRICK.

4.—*From J. HUGHES BENNETT, M.D., &c., &c., Professor of the Institutes of Medicine and Clinical Medicine in the University of Edinburgh.*

*1 Glenfinlas Street,  
Edinburgh, January 18, 1868.*

It gives me much pleasure to say that Dr. John G. M'Kendrick is an exceedingly well-informed physician, with whose practical knowledge of his profession I have been much impressed. From what I know of him, and from the extensive opportunities he has had of cultivating medicine in all its branches, I have no doubt the utmost confidence may be placed in his skill and judgment. I am therefore of opinion that should he be appointed Professor of Midwifery, he would not only be found fully qualified, but amply justify the good opinion of those who conferred upon him the appointment.

J. HUGHES BENNETT.

5.—*From PATRICK HERON WATSON, M.D., &c., &c., Lecturer on Surgery, Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, &c., &c.*

*16 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh.*

Dr. M'Kendrick possesses the highest qualifications for occupying, with distinction, the position of a teacher, for he is endowed with the power of distinctly and succinctly enunciating his views, and of lucidly illustrating his opinions. His powers of mind are highly developed, and his ability of application to work, with diligence and concentration of his attention, are such as to enable him, with apparently no effort, to occupy himself with subjects of the most dissimilar kind, without endangering the retentive powers of his memory or exhausting his energy in the pursuit of any one. I am confident, from his practical skill in the department of Midwifery, his extended research in that and allied subjects of pathology and practice, he is eminently qualified at once to teach a class, without any delay for special preparation. I have every confidence that whatever he undertakes he will execute conscien-

tiously and thoroughly, and adorn the position not less by his high intellectual capacity than by his extended information and accurate knowledge. I have such implicit confidence in Dr. M'Kendrick, that I believe he will make a name for himself in any professional position he may be called to occupy.

PATRICK HERON WATSON.

January 15, 1869.

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6.—*From ANGUS MACDONALD, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., &c., &c., Lecturer on Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Surgeons' Hall, Edinburgh, Gold Medallist in the Midwifery Class, University of Edinburgh, 1863-4.*

41 Northumberland Street, Edinburgh,  
22d January 1869.

Dr. J. G. M'Kendrick I have known well for upwards of six years, and have great pleasure in testifying my high respect for him. He is a trustworthy friend, a thorough gentleman, and possesses splendid natural abilities and professional acquirements. Dr. M'Kendrick has besides enjoyed excellent opportunities for gaining practical experience in the various branches of his profession, especially in Midwifery, and has profited by them to the utmost.

In fine, I know no one of the same professional standing whom I could more unhesitatingly recommend as worthy of, and certain to succeed in, any position of trust, however elevated.

ANGUS MACDONALD, M.A., Abred., M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,  
Lecturer on Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Surgeons' Hall, Edinburgh.

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7.—*From JOSEPH BELL, M.D., &c., Assistant Surgeon Royal Infirmary, Lecturer on Surgery, and late Demonstrator of Anatomy in the University of Edinburgh.*

I beg to express the very high opinion I have been led to form during a long friendship as to the very great talents of Dr. M'Kendrick. His power of sustained and successful work is very remarkable, and I am perfectly confident that whatever he undertakes will be done with his whole heart, and with all the success that most untiring application and great natural ability can assure.

JOSEPH BELL, F.R.C.S., Ed.,  
Lecturer on Surgery, Assistant Surgeon, Clinical Wards, Royal Infirmary,  
and late Demonstrator of Anatomy in the University of Edinburgh.

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8.—*From the late JAMES MILLER, F.R.S.E., Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.*

John Gray M'Kendrick took my first prize in public competition this season. His written exercises were superior to any I have ever received—inferior to none. They shew not only a perfect acquaintance with his subject, but also an admirably arranged and gifted mind. He has distinguished himself similarly in other departments of study; and on the whole I cannot too strongly express the very high opinion I entertain of his general character and attainments.

JAS. MILLER.

29 Charlotte Square, 22d April 1864.

9.—*From WILLIAM TURNER, M.B. (Lond.), F.R.C.S.E., &c., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Edinburgh.*

Dr J. G. M'Kendrick, as the recipient of the Gold Medal in the Anatomical Class, Session 1861-62, needs no certificate from me to testify to the successful way in which he pursued his medical studies.

W.M. TURNER, M.B. (Lond.), F.R.C.S.E.,  
Professor of Anatomy, University of Edinburgh.

10.—*From JOHN MACROBIN, Professor of the Practice of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen, and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.*

My Dear Sir—I have great pleasure in certifying that you are in every way highly qualified for entering on the active exercise of your profession. You graduated here with great credit, and evinced a very complete knowledge of the different branches of Medical Science. I have not the slightest doubt you will discharge the duties of the profession so as to give the utmost satisfaction to your patients, both as a Christian and a Physician. Wishing you all success in your future career.—I ever remain, yours most sincerely,

J. MACROBIN, M.D.,  
Prof. of Medicine and Dean of the Faculty.

11.—*From GEORGE OGILVIE, M.D., Professor of the Institutes of Medicine, and Lecturer on Histology, in the University of Aberdeen.*

My dear Dr. M'Kendrick—It would give me much pleasure to be of any service in promoting your future prospects, from the high opinion I have formed, in common with your other teachers, both of your professional and moral qualifications. Of the former, the numerous academical distinctions you have gained, both here and in Edinburgh, are the best evidence, especially to those who know the discouragements under which you have had to prosecute your Medical studies. Of your general qualifications I can speak the more confidently from my personal intimacy with you, first as my class assistant during the session before last, and subsequently while you were acting as tutor in my family.

Trusting that you may be spared to take a distinguished place among those of our graduates who have already reflected no small credit on our University, and to reap the fruits so well earned by your persevering exertions as a student.—I remain, my dear Dr. M'Kendrick, ever sincerely yours,

GEO. OGILVIE, M.D.,  
Professor of the Institutes of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen.

12.—*From ALEXANDER HARVEY, M.D., Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the University of Aberdeen, and Physician to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.*

I have peculiar satisfaction in bearing testimony to the professional qualifications of Dr. John Gray M'Kendrick of this University. As a student his career all through was one in the highest degree

honourable to himself. From the beginning to the end of it, he gave himself in earnest to whatever he had to do, and he did it well, gaining prizes in every class in which prizes were given, earning for himself the respect and esteem of his teachers, and eventually graduating with "Honours."

Estimable in his personal character, and of agreeable manners, Dr. M'Kendrick is remarkably intelligent, and withal eminently practical in his habits of mind ; and possessing, as he does, a thorough knowledge of his profession, I cannot doubt that, if spared, he will rise to eminence in it.

ALEX. HARVEY, M.D.,

Professor of Materia Medica in the University of Aberdeen,  
and Physician to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

13.—*From the late ALEXANDER JARDINE LIZARS, M.D., F.R.S.E., Emeritus Professor of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen.*

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the zeal, industry, and high attainments of Dr. John Gray M'Kendrick. He was one of the most distinguished students of the University of Aberdeen, and at last graduated with honours. From his amiable and gentlemanly manners, and knowledge of Medical Science, I believe him to be eminently qualified to discharge the important duties of his profession, with credit to himself and advantage to the public.

A. JARDINE LIZARS,

Emeritus Prof. of Anatomy of the University of Aberdeen.

84 King Street, Aberdeen, 4th May 1864.